

REMARKS

Applicants have filed herewith a continuation application under 1.53 (d). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and consideration of the remarks presented herein.

Applicants have cancelled claims 6-8 and 14 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application.

Applicants present new claims 15-21. The newly presented claims are method claims generally patterned after original claims 9-11 of the parent application Serial No. 09/204,427 filed on December 3, 1998. The newly presented claims are supported throughout the specification, including page 2, lines 10-23; page 3 to page 4, lines 5; page 7, line 8 to page 8, line 9. Applicants submit the newly presented claims do not raise any issues of new matter.

Applicants also hereby submit and request consideration of the Declaration of Dr. Slos.


SUMMARY

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative if prosecution may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation application of U.S. application serial no. 09/204,427,
filed December 3, 1998, which is a continuation application of 08/619,157, filed March 21, 1996,
abandoned, which is a continuation of 08/469,777, filed June 6, 1995, abandoned, which is a
continuation of 08/150,011, filed January 13, 1994.